

# Senate File 2209

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## AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CONTENT OF IMMUNIZATIONS, AND MAKING A PENALTY  
APPLICABLE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.39A EARLY CHILDHOOD  
IMMUNIZATIONS == CONTENT.

1. Beginning January 1, 2006, early childhood  
immunizations administered in this state shall not contain  
more than trace amounts of mercury.

2. For the purposes of this section:

a. "Early childhood immunizations" means immunizations  
administered to children under eight years of age, unless  
otherwise provided in this section.

b. "Trace amounts" means trace amounts as defined by the  
United States food and drug administration.

3. The prohibition under this section shall not apply to  
early childhood immunizations for influenza or in times of  
emergency or epidemic as determined by the director of public  
health. If an emergency or epidemic is determined to exist by  
the director of public health under this subsection, the  
director of public health shall notify the state board of  
health, the governor, and the legislative council, and shall  
notify the public upon request.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 514C.21 COVERAGE FOR IMMUNIZATIONS  
== MERCURY.

1. Third-party payment provider contracts or policies  
delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this  
state on or after January 1, 2006, that provide reimbursement  
for immunizations shall provide reimbursement for  
immunizations containing no more than trace amounts of mercury  
at the acquisition cost rate for immunizations containing no  
more than trace amounts of mercury. For the purposes of this  
section, "trace amounts" means trace amounts as defined by the  
United States food and drug administration.

2. For the purposes of this section, "third-party payment  
provider contracts or policies" includes:

a. Individual or group accident and sickness insurance  
providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.

b. An individual or group hospital or medical service  
contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.

c. An individual or group health maintenance organization  
contract regulated under chapter 514B.

d. An organized delivery system licensed by the director  
of public health.

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JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI  
President of the Senate

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CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and  
is known as Senate File 2209, Eightieth General Assembly.

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MICHAEL E. MARSHALL  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2004

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
Governor